



Advocates for Rural Broadband

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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*RE: Protecting Against National Security Threats to the Communications Supply Chain  
Through FCC Programs, WC Docket No. 18-89*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Derrick Owens and the undersigned representing WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband met with Nirali Patel, Special Counsel to Chairman Ajit Pai to discuss the recently released Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the above referenced proceeding.

The parties had a general, high-level discussion, with WTA noting the initial concerns of a few of their members who may be impacted by a potential ban of certain vendors. WTA stressed that any future decision would need to come with certainty that rural providers can rely on when deploying broadband. WTA stated that it looks forward to engaging in the proceeding and filing comments by the June 1, 2018 deadline.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, this submission is being filed for inclusion in the public record of the referenced proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bill Durdach

Bill Durdach  
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cc: Nirali Patel